

42 KW 10/7/09

Please replace paragraph [0039] with the following amended paragraph:

42 KW 10/7/09

[0039] Several trials of rat epidermal keratinocyte (REK) cells were pre-incubated with various amounts of 4,6-dioxoheptanoic acid (DOHA) ranging from 1.^{sup.}-8 M to 1.^{sup.}-4 M. The cells were then washed, and incubated with 0.25 mM ALA for 3 hours. As shown in FIG. 4, PpIX formation in cells chemically treated with DOHA at concentrations greater than 10.^{sup.}-7 M was significantly inhibited, and even further chemical inhibition occurred at DOHA concentrations greater than 10.^{sup.}-5 M.